

Living in the UK Test - Possible Questions.

These are the questions you will need to know to do the 'Living in the UK' test. You can find the answers in chapters 2-4 in the book 'Life in the UK - A Journey to Citizenship'

Migration to Britain

- Where have migrants come from in the past and why? What sort of work have they done?

The changing role of women

- Do women have equal rights and has this always been the case?
- Are there as many women in education or work as men?
- Do women get the same pay as men? Do women with children work?

Children, family and young people

- How many young people are there in the UK?
- Do many children live in single parent families or step-families? When do children leave home?
- What sort of work do children do?
- When do children take tests at school? How many go on to higher education?

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- What are the minimum ages for buying alcohol and tobacco? What drugs are illegal?
- How interested are young people in politics? What do they see as the main issues today?

Population

- How many people live in the countries of the UK?
- What is the census and how is census data collected and used?
- How many people belong to an ethnic minority and which are the largest minority groups? Where are there large ethnic communities?

Religion and tolerance

- How many people say they have a religion and how many attend religious services? What are the largest religious groups?
- What is the Church of England and who is its head? What are the main Christian groups?

The regions of Britain

- Where are Geordie, Cockney and Scouse dialects spoken?

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Customs and traditions

- Do people tend to live in the cities or in the country?
- What and when are the national days of the four countries of the UK? What are bank holidays?
- What and when are the main Christian festivals? What other traditional days are celebrated?

The working system of government

- What are MPs? How often are elections held and who forms the government?
- What is the role of the Prime Minister? Who advises them and what are the main roles in the Cabinet?
- What type of constitution does the UK have? What is Her Majesty's Opposition and what is the role of the Leader of the Opposition?
- How is political debate reported? Are newspapers free to publish opinions or do they have to remain impartial?

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The formal institutions - 1

- What is the Queen's official role and what ceremonial duties does she have?
- How do elections for the House of Commons work? How are candidates selected? What do the Speaker and Whips do?
- What is the House of Lords and who are its members?
- How can you visit Parliament?

The formal institutions - 2

- How are judges appointed and how do they apply the law?
- How are the police organised and who controls their administration?
- What is the civil service and how do civil servants work with government?
- How are local services managed, governed and paid for?

Devolved administration

- What is proportional representation and where is it used?
- What are the powers of the devolved administrations?
Which areas of policy remain under the control of the UK government?
- What are quangos and non-departmental public bodies?

Britain in Europe and the world

- What are the roles and powers of the main institutions of Europe? How is European law organised?
- What rights do citizens of European Union states have to travel and work?
- What is the Commonwealth? What is the United Nations and what is Britain's role within it?

The ordinary citizen

- What rights and duties do UK citizens have?
- Who has the right to vote and at what age? How and when do you register to vote?
- Who can stand for public office? How do you contact an elected representative?